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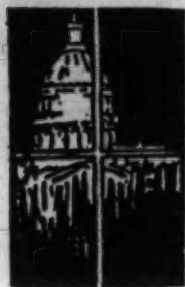
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THE CLOSED DOOR

By EDITH OGDEN HEIDEL

The outer gate has opened but the inner door is still closed.



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TEXT OF EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT

"Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.
"Congress and the several States shall have power, within their respective jurisdictions to enforce this article by appropriate legislation.
"This amendment shall take effect one year after the date of ratification."

STATUS OF AMENDMENT

Introduced:
In Senate, Jan. 13, 1949, by Senator Guy M. Gillette (D), Iowa, with 35 co-sponsors.
In House, Jan. 5, 1949, by Rep. Katharine St. George (R), N. Y., with 120 co-sponsors.
Referred to Judiciary Committee of both Houses, at time of introduction.
Reported:
Favorably by Senate Judiciary Committee, March 14, 1949.
Present Status:
In Senate,
Passed January 25, by vote of 63 to 19, with additional provisions.
In House,
Before Judiciary Committee.

STATUS OF THE AMENDMENT

As this goes to press, the situation with regard to the amendment affords no encouragement. After the heroic efforts of members of the National Woman's Party here and in Indiana, the majority of the subcommittee of the House Judiciary Committee was safely on the side of immediate action to bring it before the full Committee. But the intransigence of the Chairman of the Judiciary Committee, Cong. Emanuel Celler of New York, in refusing action by the full Committee makes that move useless. Only assurance that the chairman of the full committee will act can bring the possibility of floor action in this Congress.

THE CLOSED DOOR

All beauty brings with it a certain melancholy. So it is with the reproduction of the beautiful relief of "The Closed Door" that is our front page this issue. In

Do You Know . . .

. . . THAT ironically enough, in the military service women are rapidly becoming recognized as people? One bill now before Congress, but without action to date, would raise the rank of the commandants in the Women's Armed Services from colonel and captain, respectively, to Brigadier-General and Rear Admiral. Another would establish a women's reserve as a branch of the Coast Guard Reserve. Still a third would provide for veterans' benefits based on service for members of the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps. At least a beginning of equality is conceded in the business of being a casualty.

. . . THAT there are now ten women in Congress, a record number, reached only once before? Two Congresswomen have served as chairmen of full committees. The Senator from Maine, Margaret Chase Smith, one of the chief sponsors of the Equal Rights Amendment, was the first woman to be elected to the Senate on her own demonstrated ability, not on the record of a husband.

. . . THAT a bill has been introduced (another) which would prohibit man and wife from working in government if their combined incomes reach \$7500? At this date it is unlikely that any bills now without any action will receive any. But they do indicate trends. Don't worry, but don't forget.

. . . THAT there is, in the records of the National Woman's Party, a petition asking for the Equal Rights Amendment, bearing fifteen thousand signatures of people all over the nation? It was on exhibition at the New York World's Fair in 1939 and 1940.

. . . THAT in Britain recently Jocelyn Woollecombe, the director of the Women's Royal Naval Service, Olive Annie Wheeler, child psychologist and professor of education at Cardiff University, Wales, and Adeline Genee, founder-president of the Royal Academy of Dancing, trainer of famous ballerinas, received the highest honor bestowed on their sex—Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire?

. . . THAT the profession of engineering is one in which women are actually wanted? And that industries such as lumbering and similar ones dealing with home construction can use women in planning positions, but few are found in either?

This column will welcome "Do You Know . . ." items on inequalities on your state laws. For the next issue, send them in by September 21.

this, it is the melancholy of a sad truth. The door, the inner door to the House of Equality, is still closed, despite the fight for equality that is being won in other lands.

Women can look back over a century of progress, it is true. Education, professions, industry, all have opened doors to them. The outer gates of full citizenship have swung back to them. But the door to full equality still stands fast shut—grimly reminding women that the struggle is not yet over, the battle not yet won. There is still work to be done, there are still fields to conquer.

Another session of another Congress is drawing to a close. The amendment has passed one house of Congress for the first time, only to languish in the other. The opposition is small, but powerful. The door stays closed.

But it will open. That is as certain as the sunrise tomorrow. We know that the women in the picture went forth to the struggle again. So, too, shall we.

The Length and Breadth of the Land

By ERNESTINE HALE BELLAMY



ERNESTINE BELLAMY AND MRS. ROBERT WALKER
Los Angeles "Times" Photo.

ARRIVING in Los Angeles on May 22, the newest caravan sent out from Headquarters of the National Woman's Party—consisting of Amelia Himes Walker and myself—found a busy schedule planned. We had come across the country via stops in New Orleans, San Antonio, Santa Fe, Los Alamos (where we made our first broadcast), Flagstaff and Phoenix, Arizona, and Kingman, Arizona, where we were guests at the Charter Meeting of the Soroptimist Club.

While in Los Angeles we enjoyed the kind hospitality of Mrs. Josephine Terrill, former vice-chairman for Southern California, and Mrs. Lucy Rice Winkler, former member of the National Council. Jointly and separately Mrs. Walker and I spoke at the following meetings:

May 24—School Women's Council meeting; May 25—Los Angeles Chapter A.A.U.W. dinner meeting; May 28—San Fernando Valley Unit, NWP, at the home of Mrs. Roland Rich Woolley; June 1—Los Angeles Juniors, Women's University Club; June 3—Bar Association; June 4—Southern California Branch, NWP, at the home of Mrs. Haig Prince; June 7—Board meeting at the Beverly Hills Soroptimist Club; June 8—Pasadena Business and Professional Women; and June 10—at the home of Mrs. Roland Crawford. While in Los Angeles we appeared on television in an interview over KFI-TV on June 2, and again on June 6, over KT-TV. Cobina Wright, Sr., was also a guest on this last broadcast.

May 31 proved a busy day in San Diego. There was a broadcast over KCBQ with Izetta Jewell Miller on her own program, "The Jewel Box," in the morning's press interviews, a television program in the evening, and then a large dinner meeting arranged by Elizabeth C. Crable, with representatives from ten national women's organizations present.

When our car turned north on June 12, leaving Los Angeles, two distinguished members of the National Woman's Party joined our caravan: Queen Walker Boardman, member of the National Council, who traveled as far as Santa Barbara; and Elsie Hill, Honorary National Chairman, who went with us to Los Gatos, arranging press interviews along the way and speaking at the first San Jose meeting.

In Northern California we kept the following engagements: June 14—San Jose Branch luncheon meeting at the San Jose Country Club; June 19—San Jose Branch reception at San Jose YWCA; June 22—Palo Alto Branch luncheon meeting at the Marie Antoinette Hotel in Menlo Park; June 24—San Francisco and Bay Area reception and tea at the Palace Hotel, San Francisco, arranged by Miss Margaret Krsak, Northern California Chairman; June 25—San Jose Pilot Club dinner meeting; and on June 30 we visited the Mayor of San Francisco at City Hall. During this period we made two morning broadcasts over Radio Station KEEN in San Jose and one broadcast over KNBC in San Francisco as well as a television program over KPIX in San Francisco. To Mrs. Neenah Hastings Lessemann, California State Chairman, and a number of other loyal members goes the distinction of having attended at least five of our meetings. We feel sure they could give our speeches verbatim by now.

Turning north once more, we left San Francisco on July 3 and arrived in Portland, Oregon, in time for press interviews on July 6, followed by a large luncheon meeting at the Multnomah Hotel under the direction of Mrs. Ruth Rose Richardson, new Oregon State Chairman of NWP. Among those present were: Democratic and Republican candidates in the coming election; Mr. Tom Lawson McCall, representing the Governor; Dorothy McCollough Lee, Mayor of Portland; Marie Wilcox, State Senator; Grace Peck, State Representative; Fran Helene Granitsch, representing the World Woman's Party; Mrs. William Chandlee, past president of the State Federation of Women's Clubs; Mrs. Nancy Honeyman Robinson, State Vice Chairman, National Woman's Party, and Democratic National Committeewoman; Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, past Republican National Committeewoman, and many other outstanding Portland women representing more than 19 women's organizations.

The next day we were luncheon guests of the Press Club in Portland and took part in a panel discussion on a half-hour radio broadcast with two men reporters, two women reporters, and an attorney.

From Portland we drove to Tacoma, Washington, where on two days' notice the Monday Civic Club organized a luncheon meeting at "Top of the Ocean" with the following organizations cooperating in sending a large representation: Presidents' Council; Woman's Club; Junior D.A.R.; Tahoma, Virginia Dare, Mary Ball, and Elizabeth Forey Chapters, D.A.R.; United Daughters of the Confederacy; Women Democrats; Pro-American and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

Our car is headed East at last, and the following stops will be made on the return route: Spokane, Wash-

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Sponsors of Amendment Speakers at Observance of Seneca Falls Day

MAMIE SYDNEY MIZEN

"FAITH AND COURAGE" might be called the key-notes of the celebration of the one hundred second anniversary of the historic meeting of the pioneer women at Seneca Falls, New York, where the woman movement had its beginning. According to custom, members and friends of the National Woman's Party met in the beautiful garden of Alva Belmont House in observance of the occasion from five to seven o'clock, July 19, 1950.

Headlining the program, Hon. Katherine St. George and Hon. William T. Byrne, both of New York, reaffirmed their belief that the Equal Rights amendment would inevitably become a part of the supreme law of the land if women themselves wanted it.

"From this time forward," said Congressman Byrne in the opening address, "you will see registered on the thermometer of success the rising line of accomplishment of men and women, side by side. . . . If we had a vote today, the result would be by a very large majority in favor of granting equal rights to women."

Congressman Byrne spoke of the problems facing women as that first convention met in Seneca Falls. He pointed out the difficulties in the way of a final vote on the Equal Rights Amendment. "We realize," he continued, "that there are large and powerful groups keeping things as they are, who are at the present time not willing to grant equal rights. . . . Some of the people who oppose your progress are hypocritical in their statement that women would be set back. . . . I cannot see why women should not have every right that men have, . . . but unfortunately we know that this (inequality) will remain for some time."

The congressman urged courageous action on the part of women who are working for equality. "Go right into the district where there is opposition. Go right into that locality and put on a barrage there. Find out why any candidate is against the amendment. . . ." He stated further, "A great many women are opposed to equality. . . . Women have been pampered in certain statutes on the books. Legislatively and governmentally it would have been a great benefit to our democracy if women had not thus been pampered." He closed with the words of hope, "It will come. There will be granted equal rights to the women of this country. Everything you are fighting for, dreaming and hoping for will be accomplished."

Hon. Katharine St. George, chief sponsor of the amendment in the House of Representatives, was the second speaker. Before she began, she turned to the flag floating over the garden and asked all those present to join her in the salute to the Stars and Stripes above them. Turning to her colleagues she said, "You have pointed out something that men tell us too seldom—that equality is not a privilege."

Reminding her listeners of the hardships attending the early years of pioneering in woman's cause, Mrs. St. George remarked that she had always had a deep regret that Lucretia Mott had not lived to see woman suffrage come to this country. "She worked all her life for something that did not come. We must all take courage that in spite of that, she persevered to the end. Humanity has a strange way of crucifying its leaders."

Mrs. St. George spoke of the division among women themselves on the amendment. "Why is this? What is the argument? What is the answer to it? We believe in the amendment, but that is not enough. We must go out over the country and make others believe."

The speaker struck hard at the argument that women would lose privileges if the amendment passed, that certain "protections" would be taken away. "To me that is the most palpably absurd argument. We have preferential legislation for veterans; we have preferential legislation for minors, for children; we have preferential legislation for those engaged in particular work; preferential legislation is all around us. There is no reason why women should not receive preference regarding motherhood, as a soldier does for his work. Both are doing something for society."

"Only because women have become of age politically do they want to assume their responsibility and stand beside their men, not only equal in opportunity, not only equal in pay, but equal in responsibility in patriotic duty, and in the exigencies that this duty is sure to bring."

If our constitution had been written in a modern age it would have given equality, Mrs. St. George said, emphasizing the need for this nation to remedy this lack which brings it under criticism before the nations of the world.

Scoring the tactics of the opposition to the amendment in their "scarehead" type of campaign, the congresswoman again stressed the need to go out into the country and educate the people. "This is just one more step in human progress. It is bound to come, because we are working for the right. We are going forward undaunted and unafraid, and it will follow as the night the day that we will win out in this last step in our emancipation."

The following telegram of greeting was then presented:

"GREETINGS TO HONORABLE KATHERINE ST. GEORGE AND TO HONORABLE WILLIAM BYRNE AND ALL OTHERS ASSEMBLED TO COMMEMORATE SENECA FALLS."

AGNES E. WELLS, *National Chairman.*

Then followed the annual custom of a procession of the members of the National Woman's Party and visitors through the garden and into the central hall of the Alva Belmont House to lay red roses at the bases of the statues of the pioneer women. After this impressive ceremony, the members and guests were served refreshments in the garden.

Mrs. Marie Moore Forrest was general chairman of the occasion. Mrs. Cecil Norton Broy of Virginia presided over the meeting and introduced the speakers. Mrs. Mildred Palmer, Mrs. Dora Ogle and Miss Martha Souder were in charge of arrangements.

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Watch the Primaries

THE 1950 Election Campaign to elect 36 United States Senators, 435 House Members and 33 Governors will be decided on November 7.

By September 29, the primaries in all States will have been held. . . . On Monday, September 11, the Maine voters will go to the polls to choose their Representatives in the House and a Governor, in accordance with its State Constitution which provides that its Election Day precede the National Election Day by two months.

Republicans are striving to gain 7 new seats in the Senate and 47 Seats in the House. At the present time there are 42 Republicans and 54 Democrats in the Senate; in the House 171 Republicans, 261 Democrats, 1 American-Labor and 2 vacancies. The Democrats will work to keep and increase their margins.

Nominations for United States Senators and Members of the House of Representatives are made for the most part in State Primaries. There are four exceptions. Connecticut and Delaware name their candidates for the Senate and House in Party Nominating Conventions. Indiana and New York nominate their candidates for the U. S. Senate and the Governorship in State Party Conventions, but their nominations for the House are made in the Primaries.

Scheduled Primary Dates

Mississippi	Aug. 22—Sept. 12
New York	Aug. 22
Wyoming	Aug. 22
Nevada	Sept. 5
Utah	Sept. 5
Maryland	Sept. 11
Arizona	Sept. 12
Colorado	Sept. 12
Michigan	Sept. 12
Minnesota	Sept. 12
New Hampshire	Sept. 12
Vermont	Sept. 12
Washington	Sept. 12
Rhode Island	Sept. 18—Democrat
	Sept. 29—Republican
Massachusetts	Sept. 19
Wisconsin	Sept. 19

For the National Woman's Party members—make every vote count for the Amendment. Question your candidate—will he vote for the Equal Rights Amendment without a rider? Get his written pledge if possible. Send the result to Headquarters so we may keep posted. If it is true, as Everett Dirksen said, that there is evidence "Of an alert and growing interest in the moral issue of Free America" then there is hope for passage of the Amendment in the 82nd Session of Congress giving equality of rights under the law to women as well as men. We must make every vote count, so *question your candidates* and let us have the answer.

NEW CHIEF OF STATUS OF WOMEN COMMISSION APPOINTED

Mrs. Mary Tenison-Woods of Australia has recently been appointed successor to Mme. Menon in the position of Chief of the section of the Commission on the Status of Women.

The new chief presents a background of solid accomplishment in the field of child welfare in her country, having been a pioneer in establishing a properly constituted children's court. She is an outstanding sociological lawyer. She has in addition received recognition from university groups, and commendation on contributing to the "best child welfare department," according to the head of the London Juvenile court.

National Federation of B & PW Clubs Endorses Equal Rights

Members of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs at their convention in San Francisco early in July again went on record for equal rights.

High on the list of "must legislation" on the 1950-52 biennium for this progressive organization of women is "the equal rights amendment unamended." In the course of the convention a round table discussion on organization-supported legislation was held, following which reports were taken back to the convention body. There was some debate on the advisability of the seven-year period for ratification, many members indicating their preference for the original three-year ratification time. It was finally decided, however, that this question of time might be left to legislative discretion, the convention stipulating that their wish was that the period for ratification be not unreasonably long and thus delay the coming of equality.

The support of this organization has meant much to the progress of the amendment, and its continued activity for equality will be increasingly necessary.

Dr. Emma Wold

Death brought an end to the career of Emma Wold, lecturer, writer, lawyer and champion of women's rights, in Washington, D. C. on July 21.

Members of the National Woman's Party will long remember her work on the "Comparison of the Political and Civil Rights of Men and Women in the United States," and "Nationality Laws as affected by Marriage," the latter being used as the basis for the Equal Nationality Treaty at the Inter-American Conference in Montevideo, Uruguay. In the campaign for woman suffrage, Dr. Wold was president of the College Equal Suffrage League of the State of Oregon. On coming to Washington after the passage of the Suffrage Amendment, she became legislative Research Chairman for the Inter-American Commission of women.

In 1930 she was appointed by President Hoover to be technical adviser to the conference for the codification of international law at the Hague. From 1933 to 1937, she was special attorney for the Department of Justice, translating the laws of all European countries. At the time of her death she was completing a book on laws affecting the home.

Dr. Wold held degrees from the University of Oregon, the Washington College of Law and an honorary degree from her alma mater, Western College of Oxford, Ohio. The National Woman's Party mourns the passing of a crusader for equality.

Cecilia Howard

The friends of Cecilia Howard of Chicago, past Chairman of the Illinois Branch of the National Woman's Party, will be sad to hear that she passed away during the last week of May after an illness of many months. She had long been prominent in all activities in her State for the progress of women.

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Constitutions for State and Local Branches

TWO model Constitutions have been approved by the National Council of the National Woman's Party for guidance of state and local branches. We print one in full for the convenience of our members and prospective members. State chairmen will find them helpful in forming new branches. (See resolution for organization by the National Council, National Woman's Party in May-June issue. See next issue for the second.)

Five women may start a local branch. For assistance write to Mrs. A. L. Brooks, National Organization Chairman, 3720 Erie Drive, R. No. 5, Pontiac, Mich.

BY-LAWS

State Branch — National Woman's Party

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this organization shall be the _____ Branch of the National Woman's Party.

ARTICLE II

Object

The object of this organization shall be to secure for women complete equality with men under the law and in all human relationships.

ARTICLE III

Members

Membership shall consist of delegates from the various local branches thruout the State of _____. Delegate shall be chosen by the local branches on the basis of two delegates for each ten (10) members in any particular branch, subject to provisions of the National organization of the National Woman's Party. A state branch shall not have dues-paying members. All members of state branches must be dues paying members to some local branch within the state.

ARTICLE IV

Officers and Their Duties

SEC. 1. The officers of this organization shall be a chairman, one vice chairman as corresponding secretary, and one secretary and treasurer, no more than one elected from the same local branch. The term of office of each officer shall begin at the end of the annual election at which each was elected and shall expire one year thereafter or at the beginning of the term of her elected successor. All officers serving at the time of the adoption of these by-laws shall continue in office until the beginning of the term of their elected successors. No officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms. All retired officers shall continue in office until their successors assume office at the end of the annual election. Any vacancy occurring in the aforementioned offices shall be filled by the vote of the remaining officers, to serve until the next annual election.

SEC. 2. The duties of the officers are those usually pertaining to their offices and such others as may be imposed by these by-laws or assigned by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 3. The chairman shall preside at all meetings of the Branch, regular and special, of the Board of Directors, and shall issue all calls for such meetings. She shall be the chief executive officer of the Branch. She shall appoint the Chairmen of Standing and Special Committees, including the nominating committee. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. In case of the absence or disability of the Chairman, the vice-chairmen, in the order of priority shall perform the duties of the Chairman. Each vice-chairman shall assume responsibility for some section of the work of the Branch, as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

SEC. 4. The Treasurer shall submit a full report whenever requested so to do by the Chairman or Board of Directors. Her accounts and records shall be submitted for audit at the close of each fiscal year. An audited report shall be rendered to each convention (annual meeting) covering the period since the previous convention, or at any special request for an audit, should such occasion arise.

SEC. 5. The treasurer and secretary shall turn all records and monies over to the newly elected officers, in their respective capacity, immediately after the election of such officers.

ARTICLE V

Board of Directors

SEC. 1. There shall be a Board of Directors consisting of the elected officers and six (6) other members elected at the annual convention, eleven in all. The term of office for members at large of the Board of Directors shall be the same as for the officers of the Branch. No more than two may be members of the same local Branch.

SEC. 2. The Board of Directors shall promote the object of this organization, direct its political and financial policies, and have the management and control of its affairs and funds. It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to encourage the

formation of branches, to coordinate the work, to create such committees as may be necessary or desirable, to keep the membership informed of progress toward achievement of the aims of the National Woman's Party and of the means by which such best contribute to that achievement.

SEC. 3. The Board of Directors may, by a two-thirds vote, vacate a member's seat on the Board of Directors where such member has been absent continuously from meetings without good cause or had engaged in activities contrary to the object or best interests of this organization, the Board of Directors to be the sole judge in determining these issues. Likewise by a two-thirds vote the Board of Directors may remove any member of a State Committee where such removal would be conducive to the welfare, unity, and progress of this organization, the Board of Directors in such cases to be the sole judge in determining the issues involved. Before any action may be taken to end a membership on the Board of Directors or on a committee, due notice and an opportunity to be heard must be given to the member concerned.

SEC. 4. Should a vacancy occur on the Board of Directors it shall be filled for the unexpired term by the remaining members of the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VI

Local Organization

SEC. 1. A local branch of this organization may be formed by a group of five or more women residing in the state and desiring to support the object of the National Woman's Party. Such a group shall be recognized as a local branch, when its by-laws, including provisions for election of officers and for membership dues, have been approved by the State Board of Directors. Each local branch shall determine its own form of organization, its own self-supporting financial system, and its own program, but all must be in harmony with the object and the financial obligations of the National Woman's Party.

SEC. 2. A branch may be deprived of membership by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors if it has ceased to conform to the by-laws of this organization but such action shall not be taken until after due notice and opportunity to be heard has been given to branch concerned. The decision of the Board of Directors in such cases shall be final.

ARTICLE VII

Other Committees

SEC. 1. Standing committees shall be appointed for one year for such duties as the Board of Directors shall designate. There shall be the following standing committees: Legislative, Membership, Ways and Means, and such others as the Board of Directors shall from time to time create.

SEC. 2. Special Committees may be created by the State Chairman as needed. The duties of special committees shall be temporary in character.

SEC. 3. Committee Chairmen shall make reports to the Board of Directors and to the convention, and shall deliver their records to their successors within one month following their retirement from office.

ARTICLE VIII

Finances

SEC. 1. The income of this organization shall be \$.50 per member from the various members in branches throughout the State, the money to be collected by the treasurer of each local Branch and sent to the treasurer of the state branch, where state branches use Constitutions approved by the National Council.

SEC. 2. All monies collected or received in the name of the National Woman's Party shall be accurately reported. Checks shall be written by the Treasurer only.

SEC. 3. The National Council shall determine all classes of membership and fixed dues.

SEC. 4. The fiscal year shall be from July 1 of each year through June 30 of the following year.

ARTICLE IX

Meetings

SEC. 1. A convention shall be held in the spring of every year, the month and place to be designated by the State Board of Directors. A convention may be called at other times if deemed necessary by the Board of Directors, upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors.

SEC. 2. A regular meeting of the Board of Directors shall be held within two months following a Convention (annual meeting), at a time and place designated by the Chairman. Subsequent regular meetings of the Board of Directors shall be held at times and places designated by the Board Chairman after consultation with the State Officers.

SEC. 3. Special meetings of the Board of Directors may be called by the State Chairman and must be called by her upon receipt of a written request directed to her and signed by five members of the Board, and stating the purpose for which they wish the special meeting called. The call for such special meeting shall state the purpose, and no business shall be transacted except that stated in the call. All special meetings shall be fixed

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The Length and Breadth . . .

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ington; Greybull and Laramie, Wyoming; Madison, Wisconsin; Chicago, Illinois; Lafayette, Indiana; and Columbus, Ohio.

The publicity throughout the whole trip has been excellent. Over forty accounts of our trip and meetings have appeared, so far, many of them with pictures. We wish particularly to thank Mrs. Queen Walker Boardman in Los Angeles, Mrs. Bertha M. Rice in San Jose, Miss Margaret Krsak in San Francisco, and Mrs. Ruth Rose Richardson in Portland for their wonderful work in achieving such results.

We have found all groups most eager and anxious to cooperate in holding meetings, and the interest in the Equal Rights Amendment is keen. Our trip has pointed up the need for continued support and greater effort on the part of the members of the National Woman's Party, and we feel it has been a rich and rewarding experience to have worked with the women in each of the States visited. Our combined efforts surely will bring the Equal Rights Amendment that much nearer passage.

As this number of "Equal Rights" goes to press, the District of Columbia Branch of the National Woman's Party is planning a garden party to welcome the travelers home. Details in next issue.

Notes from Maryland

At its July meeting, the Baltimore Branch of the National Woman's Party had a most novel and interesting session. In keeping with the policy of picking a candidate for office who has women's interests as a plank in his platform, the Branch invited six candidates for various offices to speak. It is good to report that they were good enough to get endorsement.

Featured speaker of the afternoon was Mrs. Mildred Palmer, assistant National Secretary and indefatigable worker for the amendment.

Edith Ogden Heidel, Sculptor of Ideas

On the cover of "Equal Rights" is reproduced a photograph of the fine relief, "The Closed Door," by Edith Ogden Heidel. Its poignant beauty alone makes an appeal. But to women waiting for freedom it is a symbol.

Mrs. Heidel has long held a place of affection and respect in the Party. Her fine sculpture, "The Thinking Woman" a marble figure of a woman in a pose reminiscent of Rodin's great figure, "The Thinker," but with a fine, pensive face, stands in the drawing room at Alva Belmont House. This same figure watched over many of the suffragists years ago as they worked in our old headquarters. Mrs. Heidel tells movingly of her wish to do something for these young women whom she admired so greatly, and of how she decided to give them "The Thinking Woman," about whom she quotes:

"Toil was her inspiration, exploration her instinct. She brooded, she suffered, she wondered. The new learning was her guide, the clue was almost found—but still escapes her—to what unknown world."

She told of early struggles to gain confidence in herself, of her final determination to undertake the heroic figure, "Faith" despite the hesitance of her teacher, Augustus St. Gaudens, as to her ability to carry out the work, and of her final triumph when the statue was completed. Her fine piece, "The Closed Door," has been lost, but is known to be somewhere in Washington. A small photograph of it adorns the entrance hall at Alva Belmont House.

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for such times and places as the Chairman of the Board shall consider most convenient for the members.

SEC. 4. Accurate minutes shall be kept of all meetings.

ARTICLE X

Quorums

A majority of the members of the voting body present at a State Convention shall constitute a quorum thereof. A quorum of the Board of Directors shall be five (5) members.

ARTICLE XI

Nominations

Not less than thirty days prior to the date fixed for a Convention, a Nominating Committee shall be appointed by the State Chairman from the membership of the National Woman's Party in this state. This committee shall then nominate at least one person for each office and for each membership on the Board of Directors. Additional nominations may be made from the floor.

ARTICLE XII

Elections and Voting

SEC. 1. The voting body of the State Convention shall consist of the members of the Board of Directors; Chairmen of Standing Committees; and delegates from local branches; each of the branches to be entitled to two delegates for every ten members, whose names and addresses are recorded at state headquarters, and who are in good standing with dues paid in the organization.

SEC. 2. The election of officers and of the six members at large of the Board of Directors shall be by ballot vote of the voting body of the Convention. A plurality vote shall elect. In case there is only one candidate for any office and only six nominees for members at large for the Board of Directors, the secretary may be instructed, upon adoption of a motion to cast the ballot of the voting body. Newly elected officers shall assume duties immediately after the close of the convention. Meeting of members of old board and new board shall be called at close of convention with new chairman presiding.

SEC. 3. Voting by proxy is prohibited at all meetings of the National Woman's Party.

SEC. 4. When conditions beyond the control of this organization make it impossible or inadvisable for the voting body to assemble in convention as made mandatory by these by-laws, elections may, upon a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors be conducted by mail. In such cases all provisions of these by-laws in conflict with this section shall be suspended. They shall become operative again, automatically, immediately on completion of the election by mail.

ARTICLE XIII

Parliamentary Authority

Fox's "Parliamentary Usages," to be supplemented when desired by Roberts' Rules of Order, shall be the Parliamentary authority for this organization subject to these by-laws and to such rules as may be adopted by the organization in convention assembled.

ARTICLE XIV

Amendments

These by-laws may be amended at any convention, a quorum being present and voting, by a two-thirds vote. Notice and text of proposed amendments shall be given to the secretary of the organization at least one week previous to the calling of the convention, and notice and text of such proposed amendments shall be included in the call to the convention.

Organization Chairman, National Woman's Party

Mrs. A. L. Brooks of Pontiac, Michigan, is the new National Organization Chairman for the National Woman's Party.

Mrs. Brooks has been a member of the National Woman's Party for many years, and believes it is important for women to take a more active part in government. She realizes that the work of far-sighted women will be a necessity in state legislatures when the Amendment comes to the stations for ratification.

To help in this direction, Mrs. Brooks has recently entered the campaign for state representative.

Mrs. Brooks was graduated from the University of Wisconsin in 1924, was granted a fellowship for graduate study at Western Reserve University, and taught in the high schools of Denver, Colorado, and the Philippine Islands. Her husband, Dr. A. L. Brooks, is one of the pioneers of Industrial Medicine. Their four children are Robert, an engineer; Carmen, a sculptress; Fern, a forester; and Betty, a University senior majoring in fine arts.



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